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Pantry Car facility in Trains
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sabarmati Express and Gwalior-Baroni Mail trains do not have Pantry car facility;

(b) if so, whether the Railways propose to provide pantry car facility in these trains; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): As per norms laid down in the Catering Policy 2010, provision for attachment of pantry cars is based on order of priority with first priority to Duronto and Rajdhani Express trains; followed by long distance premier, superfast trains; Mail & Express trains with more than 24 hours journey time either way; and lastly for the remaining trains, with preference to those trains in which vestibules are provided. Accordingly, attachment of the pantry car is done as per Catering Policy depending upon the above priority and availability of pantry cars. The running time of Train Number 19165-66 (Sabarmati Express) & Train Number 19167-68 (Sabarmati Express) is approximately 47 hrs. and 38 hrs. respectively and the running time of Train Number 11123-24 (Gwalior-Baroni Mail) is approximately 26 hrs. At present, there are 245 pairs of long distance trains including Sabarmati Express & Gwalior − Baroni Mail trains, having more than 24 hours travel time in which pantry cars have not been provided.
Catering services in Sabarmati Express and Gwalior-Baroni Mail are provided through E-catering scheme.

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